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- Amarilio Vasconcellos, National Treasurer of the Communist Party of Brazil (PCB), met with the 9 de Março cell on 5 March 1949 which handles all the publicity enterprises of the PCB. He urged the cell members to make greater efforts to raise money for the Party by strengthening the "circles of friends" and other money-raising enterprises. He said that the PCB had budgeted 150,000 cruzeiros a month for maintenance of the Party publicity enterprises and support of the leaders who are in hiding. The cell was to be responsible for raising 15,000 cruseiros.
- 2. After the meeting with Vasconcellos, the cell held meetings of its various sections and pointed out that the PCB financial situation was very serious. It even suggested that Folha do Povo, a newspaper that was not considered to be presenting the Party line very well, be eliminated for the sake of economy. All members of PCB publicity enterprises were instructed to consider the financial situation carefully and were threatened with losing their positions if they did not do so.
- 3. Officers of A Classe Operaria, PCB newspaper, made tentative plans for a financial campaign, but are awaiting the approval of Diogenes de Arruda Camara, who is reported to be the real chief of publicity for the Party and who maintains contacts with the highest echelons of the Party.

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